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South Yarra
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Australian Democratic Principles

Australian society is defined, among other aspects, by a belief in elected Government; by a commitment to the rule of law, to equal rights for all before the law; and by a belief in freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Our society is also tolerant of a range of religious, political, social and cultural beliefs and values in the context of the fundamental principles of our democracy.

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 requires all education providers to operate in a manner consistent with this set of Australian democratic principles.

Government has an obligation to foster adherence to the principles of Australian democracy by all education providers. Identifying this framework through legislation reminds all Victorians not only of the values we hold in common, but also of our shared responsibilities in promoting these values.

How the inclusion of this principle affects education providers

The new Act requires that all providers of education, both government and non-government owned, deliver their programs and teaching in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practice of Australian democracy.

This includes a commitment to:

- elected Government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance.